

CLAIMS

1. A zip fastener device for joining two strips (2 and 3) comprising two rows of teeth (4 and 5) able to engage with each other mutually under the action of a slider (6) and applied respectively to one of the edges (7 and 8) of each of the said two strips (2 and 3), the material of at least one of the two strips (2 and 3) being of the leather or simulation leather type, characterised in that the said strip is formed by a piece (9) folded in two, in that the area forming a fold (10) is filled longitudinally with a rod (11) of chosen thickness and in that the teeth (4 and 5) are applied at least partially around the said fold area (10) thus filled.
2. A device according to Claim 1, characterised in that the material of the two strips (2 and 3) is of the leather or simulation leather type.
3. A device according to one of Claims 1 or 2, characterised in that the two parts (12 and 13) of the piece (9) forming the strip are adhesively bonded to each other.
4. A device according to one of Claims 1 to 3, characterised in that the rod (11) is produced from a material belonging to the group formed by cotton, linen, plastics material or a non-woven material.
5. A method of producing a zip fastener device of the type comprising the following steps:
- a) providing two strips (2 and 3);
 - b) applying a row of teeth (4 and 5) to one (7 and 8) of the edges of each of the said strips (2 and 3), the two rows of teeth (4 and 5) being able to engage with each other mutually under the action of a slider (6),

characterised in that step a) makes provision for producing at least one of the two strips (2 and 3) from a material of the leather or simulation leather type.

5 6. A method according to Claim 5, characterised in that step a) makes provision for producing the two strips (2 and 3) from a material of the leather or simulation leather type.

10 7. A method according to Claim 5 or Claim 6, characterised in that it comprises a step of treatment of the strips (2 and 3) of the slitting type for evening up the thickness of the said strips.

8. A method according to Claim 6 or Claim 7, characterised in that step a) comprises the following steps:

15 - a1) forming each strip of leather or simulation leather (2 and 3) from a piece (9) folded in two parts (12 and 13), and

- a2) longitudinally filling the area forming a fold (10) with a rod (11) of chosen thickness until the rod is placed inside the area forming a fold.

20 9. A method according to Claim 8, characterised in that step a) also comprises step a3) consisting, after step a2), of adhesively bonding to each other the two parts (12 and 13) of the piece (9) forming the strip (2 and 3).

25 10. A method according to Claim 8 or Claim 9, characterised in that step b) consists of applying the teeth (4 and 5) at least partially around the area forming a fold (10) thus filled.

11. An article using a zip fastener device according to one of Claims 1 to 4 and/or implemented according to the method

according to one of Claims 5 to 10.

12. An article according to Claim 11, characterised in that
it is essentially produced from leather or simulation
leather, the strips of the zip fastener device being either
5 attached to or forming a wall of the article.